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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## LAST CO-DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED FOR ROBBERY OF HASTINGS HOTEL

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that Michael Dziubak, age 21 of St. Paul, was sentenced today to 50 months in prison in connection with the armed robbery of the Americann Hotel in Hastings January 20, 2011. Dziubak pled guilty in March to one count of Aggravated Robbery in the First Degree (Aid & Abet). Judge Kathryn Messerich also ordered restitution in an amount to be determined.

Three co-defendants were also sentenced in connection with this crime:

- William Joseph Boldt, age 38 of St. Paul pled guilty and was sentenced to 18 years in prison on February 15.
- Lorenzo Barker, age 21 of St. Paul, pled guilty and was sentenced to 60 days in jail and probation for 3 years on April 6.
- Ebony Black, age 22 of West St. Paul pled guilty and was sentenced to 31 days in jail, 60 hours of community work service and probation for 10 years on May 3.

The facts pertaining to these charges are contained in the criminal complaint available at http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/ComplaintSearch. While in custody, a mug shot of the Defendant may be viewed at http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/InmateSearch.

Backstrom commented: "We are pleased to have brought all individuals in this case to justice so quickly."

Backstrom praised Assistant County Attorney Jessica Bierwerth who prosecuted each case. Backstrom also praised the Hastings Police Department for their prompt response and thorough investigation into this incident.

If you have questions, contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.